REESE – REES FAMILY

William **Reese** purchased 219 acres in Deed dated June 9, 1790 from Abram Johnson and wife, Abigail, of the 1784 Johnson Survey. This ground bordered William Johnson, in Hampshire County, Virginia, on Patterson Creek.

Okey Johnson (Aug. 7, 1785-Sept. 6, 1848) married Nancy Hollenback in 1810. Their daughter Harriet Johnson born Dec. 18, 1826 died Nov. 20, 1883, married William Davis **Reese**, Sr. in 1845. William Davis Reese was born Nov. 3, 1821 and died Apr. 12, 1897.

William D. **Rees,** Jr. born Oct. 10, 1854, died Apr. 12, 1899, he married Ida Jane Johnson born Nov. 6, 1857 who died Apr. 9, 1936.

John Mark **Rees** born Oct. 31, 1819, died Nov. 13, 1863, married Margaret Hollenback who was born Marc. 24, 1822 and died May 18, 1907.

HOLLENBACK FAMILY

1794 Thomas Hollenback spent five years building the old stone house, still standing near Route 46 about 3 miles west of Fort Ashby. In the *Mineral County Traits, Tracks & Trails* Mrs. L. Virginia Marker McCort explains the house was built from stones quarried nearby and done by slave labor. The mortar consisted of clay, mud and salt. The basement of this lovely old home is divided into several rooms and it was here the slaves were quartered and did the cooking for the Hollenback family. Food was transported to the dining room on the first floor by dumb waiter.

The barn constructed about one hundred years after the house by a Pennsylvania Dutchman, without using a single nail where the lumber was held together by mortising and pins.

In 1870 Isaac Hollenback's son Thomas divided the property between his three daughters. Margaret who married John Mark **Rees** in 1846 received the tract where the stone house and barn stand. Born to this couple were four sons, Isaac, Ashford, Elijah and John Will, also five daughters, Elizabeth (who married Daniel Parker in 1872 and Mrs. Virginia McCort's grandmother), Susan, Charity, Sara and Virginia (Jennie).

The **Rees Family Cemetery** is within sight of the old stone home.